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Sent: Fri, 21 Jan 2022 20:10:56 +0000
To: Lucas, Russell J; Rheaume, Christopher; Hull, Denis G
Cc: Gibbons, John C; Stokes, Colin
Subject: Re: Canada Unity/Freedom Truck Convoy

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Thanks Russ, we are happy to assist where ever required, as your Planning Group receives further information.
Staff Sgt. Denis Hull will be your primary point of contact for any TEE resources identified.
Regards,
Michael Ryan
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From: Lucas, Russell J <LucasR@ottawapolice.ca>
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022, 2:45 p.m.
To: Rheaume, Christopher; Ferguson, Patricia K; Burnett, Paul A; Mbakulo, John; Zackrias, David M; Cartright, Carl; Patterson, Mark J; Ryan, Michael R
Subject: FW: Canada Unity/Freedom Truck Convoy

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Good afternoon everyone,

I apologize for the lengthy email chain below but there is critical information that needs to be disseminated to directorates and the Executive that will be most likely impacted by this event. As indicated, the Freedom Truck Convoy has been quickly gathering momentum, fueled by a Go Fund Me page that is almost at \$1,000,000 to support it. This is not to be confused with the smaller events occurring this weekend.

Police organizations across the country have been engaged and the OPP have now designated this event as "High Risk". It has the potential to see significant numbers of tractor trailers descending upon the downtown core of Ottawa on Jan 28/29, causing gridlock and potential interprovincial bridge closures. The Event Management Section has taken the lead, engaging internal stakeholders, enhancing intelligence gathering and starting to build an operational response framework to manage the event while being scalable to demands. Police Liaison actions are currently underway to coordinate with known organizers to develop working relationships to mitigate potential impacts.

More defined intelligence is anticipated to be received over the weekend which should give us a better scope of the potential impacts from the growth of convoys from across the country. Should the momentum continue, there is a potential for a full organizational response which would include the dedication of resources from all directorates, particularly from Patrol, NRT and Community Services. Warning orders will be delivered to sections from Event Management to prepare for potential staffing allocations.

As more confirmed intelligence is gathered, more updates will be provided.

Russell

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Inspector Lucas

Please see Sean Kay's email below related to a trucker demo that will be taking place next week. The following is the "Coles Notes" with additional information recently acquired:

- A trucker demo will be descending on Ottawa potentially on 28JAN but most likely on the 29Jan (on line posting shows a target of 1200 hrs on the 29th).
- Trucks will be starting their trek to Ottawa from as far away as both coasts starting on Sunday/Monday. Convoys will grow larger as the original group passes different stages along the route. We also expect a large contingent of trucks from southern Ontario starting their travels late next week.
- It is unknown how many trucks will arrive but a Go Fund Me page has acquired \$800,000 so far to support the demo
- Event Planning Section is taking the lead on this event
- We are currently coordinating with a unified intel group including RCMP, OPP, PPS, SQ and Gatineau Police
- RCMP and OPP will be providing intel updates on convoys moving towards Ottawa each day
- A local organizer is cooperative and we will engage him in garnering cooperation from those attending (no guarantee we will be successful)
- The overall intent of demonstrators is not 100% clear at this time but reports have ranged from a totally cooperative demo at Parliament Hill to disrupting Ottawa itself.
 - We are moving forward in creating a multi-option ops plan that can be solidified as we acquire more accurate intel

Internally we have already engaged with [REDACTED] Comm Centre, Corp Comms and the Command Centre. We will be notifying other sections as a "heads-up" that *may be* directly providing the bulk of staffing for any deployment.

I ask that this email also be distributed to the Executive and Directorate Commands so it can be disseminated to their respective sections that they feel may be impacted (simply as an FYI at this point).

As more intel is obtained, we will engage specific sections as required.

We will provide additional updates as information is acquired.

Respectfully

Kevin

From: Kay, Sean T <KayS@ottawapolice.ca>

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S/Sgt Kennedy,

As we had discussed, a convoy in relation to Covid measures impacting the trucking industry is expected to arrive in Ottawa on the 29th of January 2022. This convoy is to come from all parts of Canada, with the intent of disrupting downtown Ottawa and specifically Parliament Hill in an attempt to force the government to repeal the Covid measures. The event is expected to start this Monday in Western Canada, as they have the farthest to drive.

One of the identified leaders, James Bauder, had organized a similar event this past fall called 'Operation Bear Hug'. While it was supposed to have a large turnout, in the end approximately 10-15 vehicles arrived. OPS responded to several minor calls for service involving this group. This attempt however appears to be gaining large scale support. Recent regulation changes requiring truckers on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border to be fully vaccinated to cross the border is fueling this latest round of outrage from the Covid Denialist movement.

Once in Ottawa, the plan appears to be converging on Confederation Park, as BAUDER did back in the fall of 2021. The action they plan to take in Ottawa is vague, some indications are they plan to protest once in Ottawa. However, it is unclear if they are intent on causing traffic problems with the vehicles they're bringing. One post suggests they may try to cause traffic snarls in Ottawa starting on Jan. 29. The vaccine mandate is a clear target of their anger. The goal of the convoy is to remain in Ottawa until the restrictions are repealed.

A GoFundMe page has been setup to support this event, and to date it has raised approximately \$800,000.00. Further, there has been support from local residents to house and feed the convoy once they arrive in Ottawa.

This morning, Special Events hosted a meeting with our Provincial and Federal counterparts to develop a working group with respect to intelligence leading up to and during the event.

Although we do not have a number of how many trucks will be arriving, there is a possibility that the numbers could be upwards of 100 trucks per province. REDA RE has been in contact with one of the local organizers, and he advised her that a signup page is being developed in order to disseminate who will receive funds from the GoFundMe initiative. Further, a request was sent to the OPS Intelligence Unit for an Intel Report regarding this event. I will provide an update once the assessment is completed.

In speaking with the OPP, they have stood up 2 analysts who will be dedicated to this event. Further, they are drawing up a strategy to manage this event as it crosses through the Province. They have declared this a **High Risk Event**, as they expect traffic disruptions and illegal activity across Canada.

Special Events has reached out to the City of Ottawa in relation to how we are going to approach this event. We will work to identify staging areas outside the City where the convoys can converge, at which point OPS Traffic Services can provide support for the convoys to a pre-determined parking area on Wellington Street. Depending on the number of vehicles, we may have to limit the numbers of trucks entering the City due to space. The thought would be to have organizers identify which trucks they want to enter the City, and to have the rest remain in the staging area whereby the drivers and passengers would be shuttled in. This messaging will be pushed out to event organizers as they cross Canada through police agencies as they come in contact with the convoys. Again, we do not have an idea of numbers at this point and the concern is with splinter groups who may shut down roads and otherwise engage in illegal activity.

There is further information that on January 28 2022 some of the participants will give OPS a test run before the main convoy.

As the event unfolds and the convoy approaches Ottawa, we will have a better understanding on the number of persons and vehicles involved.

Respectfully,

Sean Kay

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